

The present listing of the claim replaces all past listings of the claim:

Listing of the claim

Claim 1. (Previously Presented) An automatic dishwashing machine detergent dispensing device comprising a detergent bar comprising a surfactant, said detergent bar disposed within a channel, wherein the detergent bar completely fills at least a portion of the channel across the entire bore of the channel, the channel having an open end and an inlet aperture which is in communication with said open end.

Claim 2. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 1, wherein the channel has a uniform bore, along its length or at least along the portion filled by the detergent bar.

Claim 3. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 1, wherein the channel is a tube.

Claim 4. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 4, wherein the tube is cylindrical.

Claim 5. (Cancelled)

Claim 6. (Withdrawn) A device according to claim 1, wherein the channel comprises a form similar to a drinking glass.

Claim 7. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 1, wherein the channel has a plurality of open ends each of which being in communication with an inlet aperture.

Claim 8. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 1, wherein the

channel comprises a tube both ends of which are open.

Claim 9. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 1, wherein the open end of the channel comprises the inlet aperture.

Claim 10. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 1, wherein the channel has a secondary aperture.

Claim 11. (Withdrawn) A device according to claim 10, wherein the secondary aperture comprises a slit in the side of the channel.

Claim 12. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 10, wherein the secondary aperture may comprise a plurality of separate apertures.

Claim 13. (Withdrawn) A device according to claim 1, wherein a barrier is arranged around the periphery of the channel.

Claim 14. (Withdrawn) A device according to claim 13, wherein the barrier comprises a sleeve arranged around the exterior of the channel.

Claim 15. (Withdrawn) A device according to claim 10, wherein the diameter of the secondary aperture is larger than the holes of the dishwasher sieve.

Claim 16. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 10, wherein the diameter of the secondary aperture is less than 5mm.

Claim 17. (Withdrawn) A device according to claim 1, wherein the device comprises a means to control the amount of wash liquor which contacts the detergent bar.

Claim 18. (Withdrawn) A device according to claim 17, wherein the means comprises a collecting funnel.

Claim 19. (Withdrawn) A device according to claim 18, wherein the collecting funnel has a drainage opening in its collecting portion.

Claim 20. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 1, wherein the channel comprises a water-resistant or water insoluble material.

Claim 21. (Withdrawn) The use of an automatic washing machine detergent dispensing device in an automatic washing machine in an automatic washing machine process, wherein the device comprises a bar of detergent disposed within a channel, the detergent bar completely filling at least a portion of the channel across the entire bore of the channel, the channel having an aperture which is in communication therewith.

Claim 22. (Withdrawn) An automatic washing machine process, comprising the step of providing to an automatic washing machine a detergent dispensing device, wherein the device comprises a bar of detergent disposed within a channel, the detergent bar completely filling at least a portion of the channel across the entire bore of the channel, the channel having an aperture which is in communication therewith.